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County passes COVID-19 resolution

■ WC Commissioners likely to pursue variance from state mandates

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

At its Sept. 15 meeting, the Weston County Board of County Commissioners took

the next step in taking a stand against state COVID-19 health mandates when the commissioners passed a “resolution to refrain from health-related mandates” and expressed

their intent to move forward with drafting and requesting a countywide variance to the state health orders.

The resolution, according to the commissioners, would

have no real “teeth” against the statewide public health orders mandated by Gov. Mark Gordon and the Wyoming Department of Health in response to the COVID-19

pandemic, but it would make a statement for Weston County and the public’s opinion of the orders.

“The discussion was to go through the state for a vari-

ance for relief from the restrictions,” Commissioner Marty Ertman said when the topic of

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Seeing red

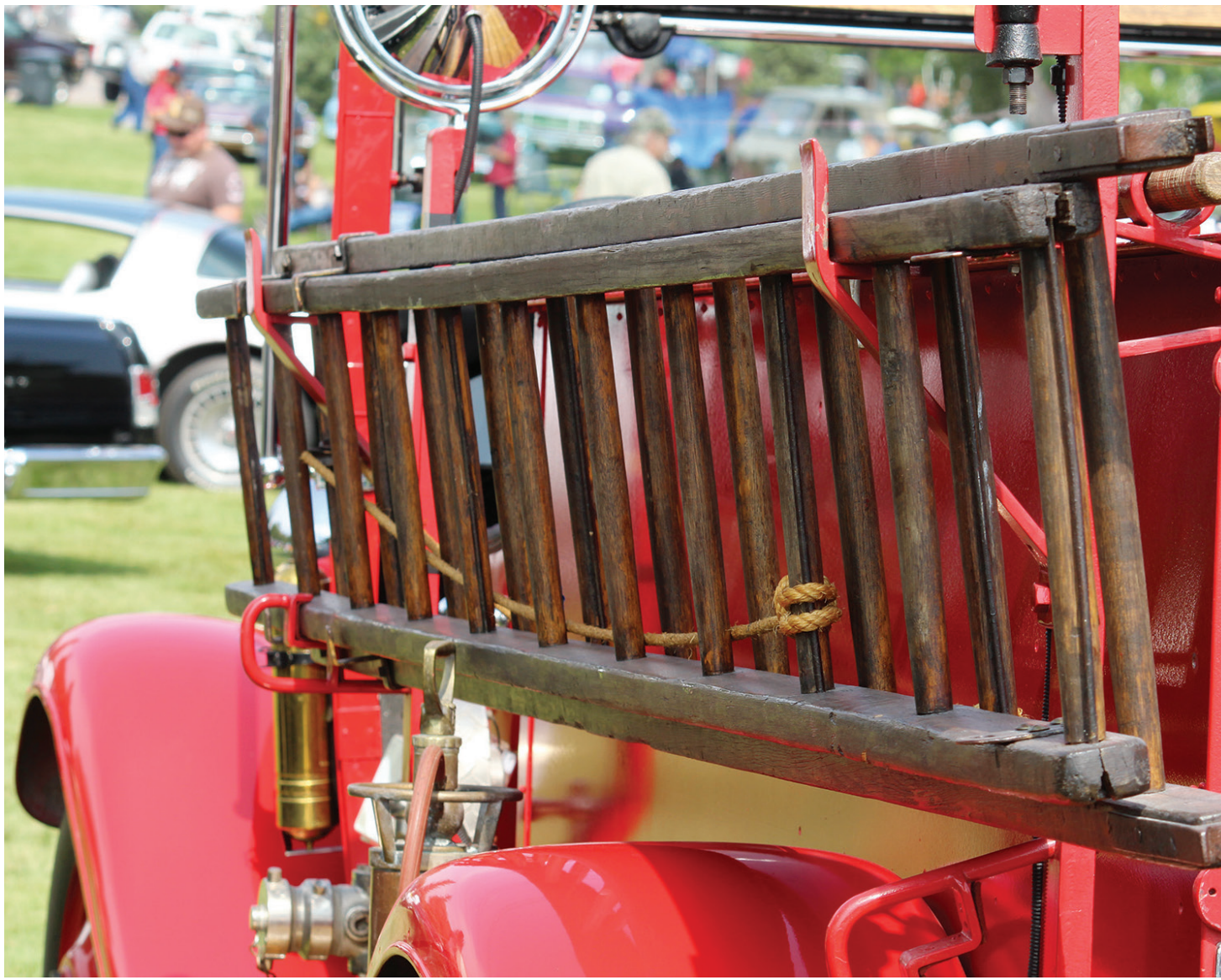


Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

A vintage fire engine with a wooden ladder strapped to the side was brought from the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department to the 14th Annual Shine & Show held Saturday at Dow Park in Newcastle. See more photos on Page 7.

Landfill district one step closer

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Weston County Solid Waste District, in conjunction with the state of Wyoming and the district’s consultant, has taken several key steps to establish a county landfill. The new landfill, according to district board member Bob Hartley, will serve the entire county for generations to come.

In April 2019, the *News Letter Journal* reported that Trihydro, the environmental engineering consultant hired by the district, was directed to perform a GIS, or geographic information system, survey to find a tract of land unencumbered by airports, roads, houses or other landmarks designated by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of the survey was to find a piece of land that the county could use for a landfill.

The then-chairman of the solid waste district board, Ed Wagoner, said the survey was needed because a previous tract of land considered by the district had title issues.

The result of the GIS survey conducted by Trihydro, Hartley explained, turned up a parcel of land owned by the state, located about 3 miles south of Newcastle, that fit all the prerequisites of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, including the land’s proximity to houses, waterways and highways.

“This parcel of land is outside of the school section and seems like the ideal location, so we began looking at the

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School staff quarantined

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Only a few hours after announcing that the students impacted by the one positive COVID-19 test at Newcastle Middle School would be returning to school, Principal Tyler Bartlett sent an email notification that an unidentified staff member at the school was to be quarantined after public health officials determined that the individual was in close

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Newcastle skyline is soon to change

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Newcastle’s tallest structure is soon to be about half its size, according to Mike Farnsworth, vice president of Wyoming Refining Co. Par Pacific in Newcastle. Turnaround at the facility has officially begun, and anyone who has cruised down Main Street and past the refinery has seen an influx of vehicles, increased activity and a 1.7-million-pound crane.

Beginning on Sept. 14, the refinery stopped all production for approximately 45 days while over 300 contractors, as well as the facility’s 150 employees, move in and out of every location on the property. This major shutdown, Farnsworth said, happens every five years and involves major maintenance.

“We go through every single tower and exchanger. We replace nozzles and trays. We go through every piece of equipment here during shutdown,” Farnsworth said.

What separates this shutdown from all the rest is the dramatic change to the Newcastle skyline that will be evident as the project continues, he said.

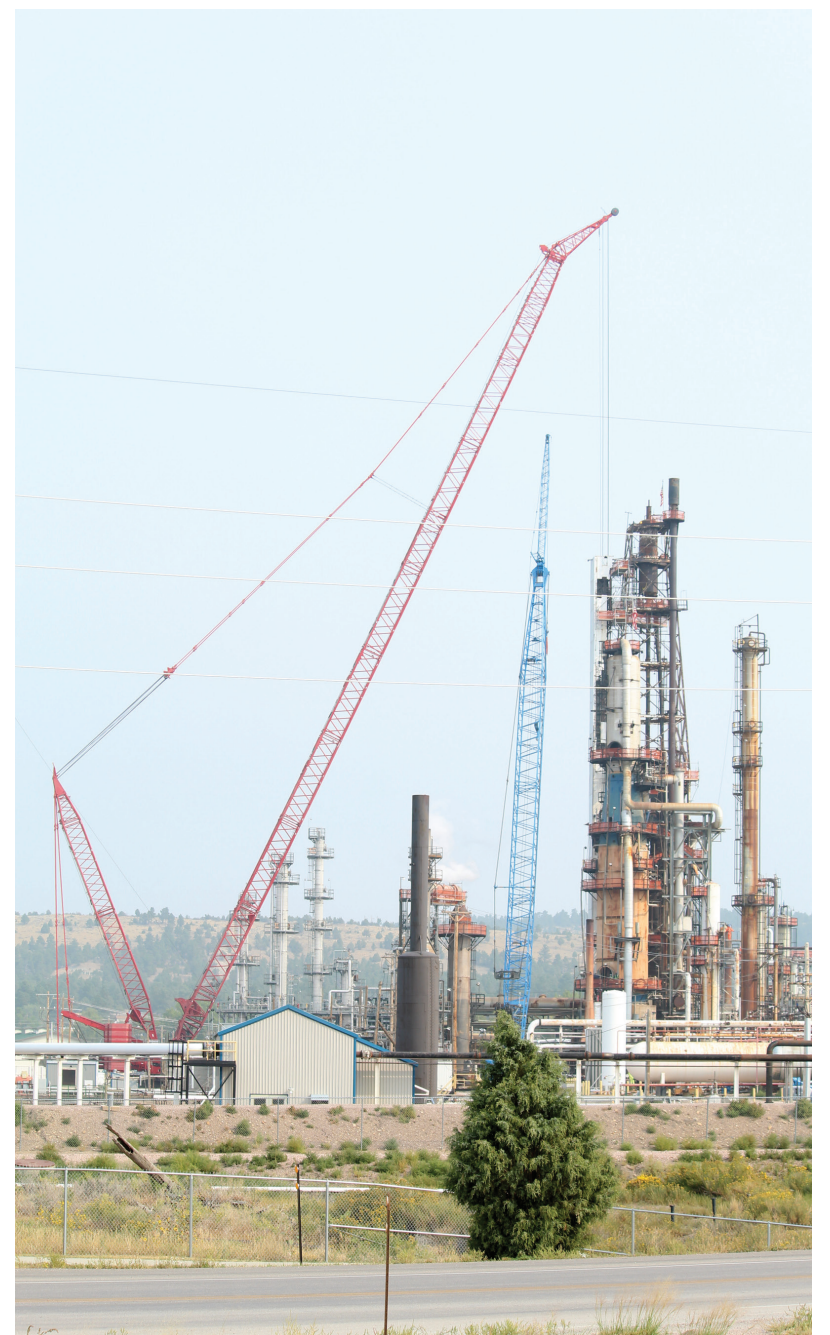
According to Farnsworth, the tallest tower at the refinery will be considerably shorter by the end of the shutdown.

“That icon of the refinery, the old TCC structure, the tallest structure ... we shut it down in 2000 and now we are going to take the top half off of it and take it out. It is not going to be so tall anymore,” Farnsworth said. “It won’t look as cool, in my mind, but we don’t utilize it anymore, and with the annual inspections and requirements, it is not worth it.”

Tim Lorenz, who works across the street from the refinery at Dunham’s Repair, said that while the tower is a “landmark,” he calls the dismemberment of the no-longer-functional tower and the other upgrades being done at the

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Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ
The Wyoming Refining Company brought in a 1.7 million-pound crane along with six other smaller cranes, to help complete the removal and replacement of several key pieces of the facility during the approximately 45 day shutdown that began just over a week ago at the facility.



Keller named as police chief

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Newcastle City Council voted to appointed Sam Keller as the city’s new police chief and advertise for two patrol officers during the council’s Sept. 21 meeting. The two officer positions are the patrol position left after Keller’s promotion to chief and one that will be vacant in six weeks when officer Kellie Moran’s resignation is official.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 49



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 72, Lo 47



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 68, Lo 46



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70, Lo 49



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 69, Lo 43



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 64, Lo 37

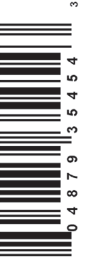


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 64, Lo 38




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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to remove the specific limit on the amount of debt a municipality can incur for a sewer project and to allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects; and to provide a ballot statement.

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 5. Limitation on municipal, county or school district debt.

No city or town shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, except that ~~an additional indebtedness of four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein~~ may be created for sewage disposal systems as the legislature may by law prescribe. Indebtedness created for supplying water to cities or towns is excepted from the limitation herein.

No county shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding two per cent (2%) of the taxable property therein.

No school district shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the assessed value of the taxable property therein for the purpose of acquiring land, erection, enlarging and equipping of school buildings.

All limitations herein shall refer to the last preceding general assessment.

This amendment will remove the constitutionally specified limit on the amount of debt a municipality can create for sewer projects and would allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects.

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Paving begins



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A nice string of warm weather helped ease the way for crews to continue the construction of the parking lot for the new truck stop, Gateway Travel Center, going in at the corner of U.S. Highways 85 and 16 on the eastern side of Newcastle. The newly poured driveway, extending from Highway 16 to the site of the new parking lot of the upcoming truck stop, is pictured. Management has said they are tentatively planning to open the business in November.

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facility a win.

In addition to the tower, other changes will be taking place. By the end of the 45-day shutdown, a total of 800,000 pounds of scrap metal would be removed from the site and taken to a regional recycling facility, Farnsworth said.

“We are going to be demoing a lot of stuff — numerous heaters, vessels, towers, exchangers,” Farnsworth said.

“I think it’s great that the refinery is taking on so many upgrades. I hope it surely means jobs for Newcastle for years to come, in a safer, more efficient workplace,” Lorenz said, “I’d call that a win.”

Seven cranes will be on-site to aid in the demolition of the structures. The most impressive, Farnsworth said, made its trip to Newcastle in 63 different truckloads. The crane, most recently used in the construction of a new football stadium in Los Angeles, weighs 1.7 million pounds and has a 400-foot boom.

The crane, Farnsworth said, makes this shutdown look like one of the biggest at the facility in recent history, although the 2015 shutdown consisted of more upgrades.

“We are still doing upgrades. There is a lot of preventive maintenance going on — a significant amount of capital projects,” Farnsworth said, noting that the work is expected to be completed the end of October.

Landfill from Page 1

best way to acquire the land,” Hartley said. “The best option is to trade land with the state. So we went and purchased some property down Old Highway 85 that is too close to homes and would not meet the criteria (set by the DEQ). We then went to the state of Wyoming and are now in the process of trading that ground.”

He said that the initial exchange agreement has been approved and the State Board of Land Commissioners has agreed to start the land transfer process. Hartley said that while the process takes time, the state has agreed to let the district proceed with geotechnical testing on the site.

“In that process, we have drilled on the site to make sure the soils would be beneficial to a landfill, and they were. We have installed some initial monitor wells, and the consultant is starting the environmental process and we have received some initial reports,” Hartley said. The initial report is 189 pages, he said.

Also included in the process, according to Hartley, is applying for an easement across the state school section of land and that the easement is under review. The easement would allow the solid waste district to have its own access road to the landfill and the ability to maintain it to their standards.

“We are making headway, although it seems slow sometimes,” Hartley said. “We have selected the location, started on the environmental work and are moving towards getting a landfill started. I am confident within the next two years we will have a landfill up and running.”

The district is working as quickly as possible with the city of Newcastle as it moves toward closure of Newcastle Landfill No. 2. City Engineer Mike Moore said that the landfill is slated for closure in 2022.

“It all really takes a lot of work. You have to satisfy the state from an environmental standpoint and a historical standpoint. You have to satisfy the feds (federal government) when it comes to wetlands and other things. We are working on all of those things at the same time while being cautious about how we are spending the public funds,” Hartley said. “We want this landfill to be for the betterment of the whole county.”

Hartley said that Trihydro has predicted that the landfill could serve county residents for more than 200 years if it is limited to local waste collection only. Hartley said, however that the board will consider opening up the landfill to outside use.

“We are trying to look a long way into the future. Future citizens won’t have to go through this for a while,” Hartley said. “At the same time, we are also trying to be cognizant of the tipping rate so it is economical for the people to use the landfill. That is very important. Hopefully, we can keep it lower than the current tipping rate in Newcastle.”

Part of looking at Weston County as a whole, Hartley said, has included the discussion about transfer sites in Upton and Osage.

“We feel it is important to have a site up there, where those people can haul their solid waste to a local location,” Hartley said. “We could then have roll-offs that haul it to the landfill site.”

With a remote location off of U.S. Highway 85, Hartley said, the only thing that will be visible from the highway may be buildings.

“It is out of view to the public with where it is located, and the soil and everything is ideal,” Hartley said. “I think this is a landfill the public can be proud of and something that can benefit the entire county for years to come.”

Chief from Page 1

Personnel committee member Councilman Roger Hesper reported to the council that the council of the whole interviewed four potential applicants for the position before recommending that the city hire Keller at \$28.75 an hour to fill the position.

The council voted to appoint Keller as chief, and he was immediately sworn in.

Keller, who was hired on Oct. 21, 2019, was appointed as interim chief on July 6, effective July 11, after the abrupt resignation of Owens.

A total of eight applications were received by the city. Among them was Officer Levi Tacy, who attended the meeting, and was identified as an applicant by Councilman Tom Voss. *The News Letter Journal* was unable to obtain information regarding the identity of the other applicants.

As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, City Clerk-Treasurer Greg James reported that the city had no “stated or written” perceived qualifications or requirements for the police chief and that the choice would be based on the applicant’s resume, application and interview.

Advertising for applicants was done by Owens, said James, who added that he believes Owens made the announcement on a police website. James was charged with answering any questions the city received about the position.

Look in next week’s NLJ for more about Keller.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 17, 2020, edition of the News Letter Journal, on Page 1, it was incorrectly stated that Bob McEwen was referencing the Cold War in the story, “Bob McEwen speaks at Lincoln Day Dinner. What he referenced was the Korean War. We apologize for the error.

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news letter journal

Our View

Fall event success

We wanted to take a moment this week to thank all of those individuals who have worked tirelessly to provide the community with some sense of normalcy as we head into the fall and winter months amid a pandemic.

While it is impossible to name everyone specifically — for there are surely volunteers and contributors we are not aware of — the *News Letter Journal* wants to thank those who came together to host Warm Summer Nights, Madness on Main, the Fall Festival and the annual Shine and Show Car Show.

As we have all navigated health orders from the state for the last 186 days, doing our best to remain aware of the ever changing circumstances surrounding COVID-19, these organizers went above and beyond to work with local health officials to plan their events amid the pandemic and see them through to successful fruition.

From the approval of plans by the public health officer, to conveying the changes to the Newcastle City Council, these organizers worked long hours making sure the events went off without a hitch. These events gave the community something to look forward to as summer came to an end and children returned to school.

Whether community members were there in person or viewed the events through the pages of this newspaper, seeing children playfully enjoying the spray from a fire hydrant, shining automobiles, and bands on stage in the middle of Main Street brought smiles and a sense of normalcy to our corner of Wyoming.

So, thank you all for all that you do. Newcastle and Weston County wouldn't be the same without you and we all would have been a little more bored the last months of summer without all your hard work.



Letters to the Editor

COVID-19 deaths are tragic

Dear Editor,
To say that a COVID-19 death is no more or less tragic than other deaths is like saying that the death of a 9-year-old child being killed by an amoral drunk driver is no more tragic than a 90-year-old dying of old age. Being killed by a drunk driver is obviously more tragic and appalling because it was preventable! And the same is true for many of the deaths taking place during this pandemic. They were preventable; but people are now dead because of the carelessness or indifference of others (or themselves) who refused to take reasonable and appropriate preventative measures just because they were a little inconvenient or uncomfortable.

Yes, life must go on, but not always in exactly the same way it did before if in Christian love we have a concern for the health and safety of those around me.

In the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan, did the priest and the Levite who refused to help the man beaten by robbers have "good" logical reasons for their decision not to get involved? Sure they did. The robbers could still be around and looking for more victims; so their own safety was at risk if they stopped to help. And also it would cost them their time, money and effort to give the man their assistance.

Sadly, inspired by the natural selfishness we're all born with, there will always be some excuse that sounds intelligent and reasonable that we can offer to justify our indifference to and lack of concern for the needs of others. True Christian love put into action will always cost us something: our time, our money, our "rights," our effort or our convenience.

Sure, no medicine or safety measure such as antibiotics or seat belts is completely 100% guaranteed to be effective. Yet, we continue to use them all the time because they put the odds in our favor. And the same can be said for the wearing of masks which, for the most part, stop the transmission of the virus at its very source — our mouth and nose.

Reasonable people understand that even though masks may not be absolutely perfect in preventing the spread of this disease, they're the best we currently have available. So out of consideration and concern for

the well-being of others (and also ourselves), wearing a mask whenever required or even advisable is the smart, right and moral thing to do despite the minor inconvenience that may be involved.

— For a better world,
Leonard Lang

Amazing coverage

Dear Editor,
One of your contributing reporters, Mr. Sprague, recently covered an event held at the Wyoming State Fire Academy. I was given a copy of that edition, dated August 26, and am contacting you with a very sincere "Thank you" for the wonderful coverage.

I would like to request '6' additional copies of that day's paper to share with the inductee families and board members. Our plan is to display one of the papers alongside the newly dedicated Firefighters Hall of Fame plaque in the Wyoming State Fire Academy in perpetuity.

Please let me know if they are available and any associated costs there may be.

Sincerely,
Director Reed
Wyoming State Fire Marshal
IAAI, NFPA-CFI, NASFM, FBI-NA

Garbage pickup success

Dear Editor,
A week ago, my alley was blocked by tree trimmers on garbage pick-up day. Okay, I thought, there's enough room in my garbage can to wait a week. When I went to throw out garbage on Saturday --- my garbage can was empty! The garbage truck driver had come back and emptied my garbage can after the tree trimmers left. This is true service!

If you have not lived outside the city, you may not appreciate what a wonderful thing it is to have someone haul your garbage away, instead of having to do it yourself. Thank you, garbage truck driver, for going the extra mile to empty my garbage can.

Jane Capps

Deadline for letters is noon on Friday

Cowboys State's COVID stats are incredible

What a slog the last six months have been, as we have had to deal with a mysterious worldwide viral pandemic called COVID-19.

Do I really want to write about COVID-19? Is everybody out there as tired about talking about the coronavirus epidemic as I am? Now, let me be clear. I am

not saying this is not a big story. And for sure, it is a gigantic international health emergency. When it started, I thought this might be the biggest news story of my career. Across the country, the number of deaths approaches 200,000. But covering the story has become somewhat wearisome.

In my day job as publisher of the Cowboy State Daily digital news service platform, we counted 550 stories about coronavirus that we produced so far in 2020. What an extraordinary number!

And how people react to the virus is so political. There

has been many a dispute across the Cowboy State in the past six months where mask wearers have been upset with their non-mask wearing brethren. By the way, at my age, I try to always wear my mask.

The country is torn apart. Most recently there has been rioting in the streets. These protests have crossed over to the pro football, basketball, and baseball leagues.

A bunch of ornery sorts have given up watching pro sports because of it. In that group of coffee drinkers that I call the Fox News All-Stars here in Lander, nine out of 11 guys recently told me they gave up watching professional sports.

I am still watching. Hard to give up pro sports. But these formerly dedicated sports watchers have given it up because of all the distractions. They do not watch pro sports anymore — except hockey and golf, I guess.

Apparently, COVID-19 is still rampant across the country. There is one promi-

nent Wyomingite in his 50s who got really sick and is still reeling from the consequences. Based on what he went through, yikes. This is not something to sneeze at, literally.

But then again, a few years ago a good friend of ours died of flu complications and she was in her early 50s and in good health. There are lots of bad bugs out there.

Our state statistics are amazing. Wyoming's coronavirus numbers just blow my mind. As I write this on Sept. 19, 2020, here are some numbers to ponder:

- Wyoming population — 551,000.
- Folks tested — 42,402.
- Tested positive — 4,124.
- Probable cases — 747.
- Deaths — 49.
- Persons sick now — 711.
- Recovered — 4,111.

The statistics show 7.6% of the Wyoming population has been tested, with the percentage of people of Wyoming dying from COVID-19 being so small it almost does not register. Just one out of 11,700 people in the state have died from the virus. In comparison, there have been 92 traffic

deaths so far in 2020.

Outside of Alaska, Wyoming appears to be the safest place in the USA if you do not want to die from COVID-19. Alaska has 44 deaths. Wyoming is sitting at 49.

I now fear we are living in a time of great over-reaction. As I wrote in an earlier column, when we watched those scenes of emergency rooms in Italy and New York City last spring, well, it just scared us to death. Most everyone wanted to shut things down to protect folks.

Original estimates of deaths for Wyoming were over 150. Did our social distancing really save us from that outcome? There are a lot of doubters here.

The Cowboy State has now passed its biggest test. We hosted 6 million tourists this summer and lived through it with very few infections from out of staters.

I asked in a column several months ago how does the virus fare in Wyoming's windy and hot wide-open spaces that are very, very dry? It appears that the virus definitely did not thrive. And that

is good news. Also, maybe Wyoming people really are healthier.

Plus, folks here have been practicing social distancing since 1890. At first, it was easy to stay put, especially during wintry March and April days. Despite the smoke, we then enjoyed a fabulous summer. Our Wyoming economy probably did not need to be shut down to the extent that it was, but who knew? Maybe it was better to be safe than sorry.

I am glad the economy is continuing to open up and I can see much better days ahead. Next year at this time, we will look back at these times in amazement and wonder.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.bill-sniffin.com, and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.

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Obituaries

THOMAS CAILLIER—Sept. 3, 2020
Thomas Caillier, 36, died suddenly in Winnipeg, Canada, on Sept. 3, 2020.



Thomas Caillier

A funeral service will be held at Chapel Lawn Funeral Home, 4000 Portage Avenue, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27.

The service will be live streamed at distant-link.com/dlm7.html. Password Arbor2020.

A full obituary to follow in the Oct. 1 newspaper edition of the News Letter Journal.

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit chapellawn.ca.

RAMONA KAY MATHERN
April 11, 1940–Sept. 20, 2020

Ramona Kay Mathern, 80, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at Weston County Manor. At her request, there will be no services.

She was born to Robert and May Morrison on April 11, 1940, in Buffalo, S.D. She was one of 15 children.

On April 5, 1968, she married Vic A. Mathern in Rapid City, S.D., and to this union a son, Greg, was born.

Ramona is survived by her brothers, Art, Jack (Cindy), Bill (Terri), Curtis (Linda), and Jan (Ronda); her sisters, Betty Ann (Larry), Arlene (Whiff), Joni (Randy) and Jane (Allen); as well as two brothers-in-law and six sisters-in-law.

Ramona is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, two brothers, three sisters and one brother-in-law.

Because of her love for animals, memorials may be sent in her name to Weston County Humane Society, P.O. Box 744, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Memorials and condolences may also be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701. Condolences may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com

Burial took place on Sept. 22 at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

RICHARD 'DICK' MEYER JR.
Nov. 19, 1935–Sept. 19, 2020

Richard "Dick" Meyer Jr., 84, of Newcastle, Wyo., died the morning of Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020.

Funeral service for Mr. Meyer will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Please join the family for a gathering at the Meridian Mortuary immediately following the interment.

He was born to Richard Meyer Sr. and Edna May Curl on Nov. 19, 1935, in Harvey, Ill. Richard was the oldest of two boys born of this union. After leaving school Dick became a worker for Custom Combines. He traveled around and met his first wife, Helen Meacham, in Reader, N.D.

Dick and Helen began their life together in Baker, Mont. They moved to Newcastle in 1955 and three children were born to the couple. Dick continued to work in various fields including the oil field and construction. He later divorced Helen and moved to Brunswick, Ga., where he worked building sewage treatment plants as a welder. Dick continued to live in Georgia until 2016 when he returned to Wyoming.

Dick had a passion for playing the guitar and singing with his church friends. He was industrious and could build and create things to meet any practical need. He had an artistic side and built wooden lawn ornaments. Dick loved to fish and when he visited Wyoming, he almost always took one or more of his grandchildren fishing. While in Georgia he spent time on shrimp boats and loved to catch catfish and shark. Dick also enjoyed his time in the Civil Air Patrol as a pilot.

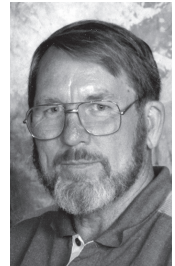
Dick is survived by his half-brothers, Carl Meyer of Missouri, John Meyer of Alabama and his half-sister Martha Welch (Gene) of Texas; his daughter, Julia Piller (Corey) of Newcastle; son, Charles Meyer of Newcastle; and daughter, Martha Decker (Kenny) of Casper. He leaves behind nine grandchildren, Michael Reid (Sondra), Christina Robertson (Gareth), Elizabeth

Hawley (Richard), Jennifer Ingram (Cody), Amanda Mecham (Amasa), Joseph Piller (Farrah Joe), Robert Meyer (Amber), Tony Lenardson (Kara) and Heather Husman (Mark); as well as 26 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brothers David Meyer; half-brother, Ronald Meyer; and one nephew, David Allen Meyer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701. Condolences may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com.

CHARLES D. PALMGREN
Sept. 11, 1937–Aug. 15, 2020



Charles Palmgren

Charles D. Palmgren, 82, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away on Aug. 15, 2020.

Mr. Palmgren is survived by his daughters, Danise and Donna, and his sons, Daniel and David.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joy.

No services are scheduled.

HARRY 'BILL' MILES PHILLIPS
April 29, 1928–Sept. 7, 2020

Bill Phillips was born in Old Cambria, Wyo., on April 29, 1928. He passed away on Sept. 7, 2020, at Weston County Manor.

Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Irene Phillips; his mother and father, Dolly and Tom; his brother, Lester Edward; and sisters, Helen, Clarice, and Elsie. He was also preceded in death by one grandson, Kurtis Phillips.



Harry Phillips

He was survived by one daughter, Tanya (Alan) Gall; his son, Mark Phillips; grandson, Garrett (Amber) Gall; granddaughter and grandson, Kristin and Andy Packard; and two great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be held at a later date.

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Sept. 26 Proverbs 10:1-32
Sept. 27 Proverbs 14:1-35
Sept. 28 Proverbs 15:1-33

Sept. 29 Proverbs 16:1-23
Sept. 30 Proverbs 17:1-28

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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago
October 5, 1995

The Newcastle City Council appointed Andy Macke acting, or interim, police chief following an executive session Monday.

The Weston County Concert Association's annual membership drive has been in full swing for several weeks now and has kept ticket sellers very busy. Membership chairperson Helen Keeler is very excited about the concerts that are being offered this year and is very optimistic about membership sales.

The Blotter: Sept. 24 – A train had to stop to remove young children from the tracks at the Second Avenue crossing. Officers were asked to talk to parents. Sept. 25 – A woman, suspecting prowlers, requested extra patrol. A dead cat was removed from the middle of a road. Sept. 27 – A vehicle was egged. Kids on a store roof were tossing eggs on passersby; they were gone when police arrived.

The Newcastle Dogies finally put together an offensive attack to match their iron clad defense in beating the Lovell Bulldogs 18-12 for their first

win of the 1995 season.

Codi Seeley and Marty Sedgwick were two-day average buckle winners at the Wheatland High School Rodeo.

The Newcastle JV volleyball team took on Sundance at home, Sept. 14, and swept the bulldogs out the door. The regulation games were won 15-2 and 15-3. An extra game was played to give Sundance's large number of girls a chance to participate. The Lady Dogies took that game 19-17.

A delightful bit of the colorful and romantic city of Vienna comes to the stage of the Crouch Auditorium on Oct. 12 beginning 7:30 p.m. Brassissimo Vienna, Austria, will be performing as part of the 1995-96 concert season presented by the Weston County Concert Association.

The U-12 girls soccer team traveled to Sturgis for the Sturgis Tournament this past weekend. The girls acquitted themselves well, winning one and losing two among tough competition.

50 Years Ago
October 1, 1970
The Newcastle High School

Marching Band, under the direction of Tim Thompson, won first place in Class A in the marching and maneuvering competition at the annual Band Days at Laramie last Saturday.

Chris Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Field, and a senior at Newcastle High School, was notified recently of his selection as a member of the McDonald's All-American High School Band.

The Newcastle Dogies won their third game of the season in an impressive win over Wheatland 27-8. The undefeated Dogies scored twice in the first quarter, once in the second quarter and again in the third period.

Capt. William W. Russell arrived in Vietnam on Sept. 15 for his second tour of duty. He is the son of Mrs. Nell K. Russell of Newcastle.

Mrs. Glen Darlington and children were Sunday callers at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Thorson. Leon Campbell of Midwest was a Thursday supper guest at the Royal Bock home.

Mabell Witt of Newcastle became the bride of Charles Patterson of Upton in a single

ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Richard Gilbert at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, the first meeting of the Future Homemakers of America was called to order by president Cindy Caillier. The roll call topic was "what is the most unusual name you have ever heard?"

Edgar and Sally Whitney attended the Cummings sale in the Clareton community Saturday. Allan Hutt accompanied the high school band on their weekend trip to Laramie.

Francie Rossman and Peg Whitman were Sunday morning callers at the Donald Fillingner home. Sunday dinner guests at the Orin Carr ranch were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards and family of Chadron, Nebr.

100 Years Ago
September 30, 1920

Sheriff Howell has a young man in the Newcastle jail who gives the name of John Pinkstaff. He is charged with the theft of 10 or 15 head of horses from the Osage locality. Some of the animals are said to have belonged to Earl Fisher, while others in that part of the county claim to have lost a few that they think Pink got.

E.W. Talbot and J.T. Halloran were in from Osage this week on business. They are drilling a water well in Nefsy but all indications are that they will have one of the best oil wells in the field, the gentlemen stated.

Harry Sedgwick and Edward Dixon are in business college at Boulder, Colo. Miss Anne Beaman arrived this week from Boston and will spend the winter with her friend, Miss Sprecher, with whom she was graduated from the National Park Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Etta McCoy returned to her home on the prairie Saturday after spending a month in the "Oil City" of Osage.

J.L. Baird of Newcastle was looking after his ranch interests on the prairie Sunday. A.B. Cole and Harry Parson were Newcastle business visitors Saturday.

Elgin Smith and Herb Coates journeyed to Osage Tuesday. W.D. Ryland, Mr. Larson and Miss Helen Larson were calling on Mrs. Eva McCoy Saturday evening.

Mrs. Tom Cattles was riding for horses Monday. Lewis McCoy and his mother were social and business visitors with Mr. and Mrs. I.N. Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Mac Quest and wife of the Upton country were among Newcastle friends this week, being guests of J.R. Faulkner and family.

Mrs. Margaret Babbage returned this week from a pleasant visit with the family of Dr. Johnson and other old-time friends at Sheridan.

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Sept/Oct 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

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Sat Sept 26	10-2PM	Bowling Pin Shoot	WC Sportsman's Club
	7PM	Sprint Track Races	WC Fairgrounds
Wed Sept 30	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
Sat Oct 3	9AM	WCHS Girls Getaway	Newcastle Lodge & Convention
Mon Oct 5	11-5:45PM	Newcastle Community Blood Drive	WC Senior Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 25 Richard Duclou Billy Hobbs Bev Lliteras Ryan Sylte	Sept. 27 Walt Soper	Sept. 29 Sage Glaster Joyce Lincoln Leonard Nack
Sept. 26 Barbara Bertsch	Sept. 28 Cheryl Gardner	Sept. 30 Deb Sylte

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Nichols hands business off to son



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

Longtime employee and partner at the A.M. Nichols Supply Co. meat market, Edward Gue, suddenly died of heart failure on Jan. 22, 1919, in Cambria, according to historian Leonard Cash's newspaper records for part eight of his "History on Main" series on the A.M. Nichols Supply Co.

According to *News Journal* records from Jan. 30, 1919, Gue caught the flu and although he recovered, heart failure took him shortly after.

Gue was born on Aug. 4, 1875, at York, Nebraska, and came to Weston County around 1899. He was employed at the Charles Sharp meat market before working at the Nichols market, where he later became a partner in the business. He then went to the Cambria Commercial Co. for three years, until his death. He married Mamie Buck of Iowa in 1907, and they had three children. His was interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

"(He) was admired by all who knew him, as he had many ways of making friends. He will be greatly missed in the social and business way," the article says. "Very impressive services were held at the Episcopal church Saturday afternoon, Rev. George McKay of Buffalo, Wyo., officiating."

The March 27, 1919, paper reported that the supply company had a special wagon on display with a bed holding 125 bushels of build wheat. Due to grain prices, Nichols said, "A farmer could buy the wagon with one load of wheat and have money enough left to buy a wagon load of groceries."

In addition to wheat, the supply company advertised that its supply of potatoes was just delivered to the store, so they could ship them off,

according to the April 13, 1919 newspaper.

"Potatoes, potatoes and more potatoes in spite of the muddy road was all one has seen for the past few days," the article says. Nearly two weeks later, the paper reported that a carload was shipped to Lincoln, Nebraska.

The April 17, 1919, *News Journal* said that Beaver Valley Livestock was renting an office in the Nichols building.

A happy time for the Nichols family came around when the July 31, 1919, paper announced the marriage of Nichols' son Dwight Ogden Nichols to Fern R. Maxwell. The Rev. Hubert Webster officiated the wedding.

However, the wedding bliss was interrupted when Dwight and his brother Lloyd both got blood poisoning in their right hands two weeks later, each with a different cause, according to an article from Aug. 14, 1919. Dwight cut his fingers on a bone when he was cutting meat, and Lloyd ran a barb wire point through his finger. Although suffering "great pain," the article reported that the wounds weren't severe.

Evidently, they recovered soon enough because around Sept. 4, 1919, the paper reported that Lloyd and Dwight took their families on "an ideal trip" to Yellowstone National Park.

With more news of the store, the Oct. 16, 1919, issue announced that the employees were working on an excavation project to make way for a new scale for weighing heavy-laden trucks, "as well as lighter weights."

Around Nov. 13, 1919, A.M. Nichols Supply Co. purchased the Kinney meat market (which was located on what is now the empty lot next to Antlers, according to Cash), and they were busy moving equipment over there.

That wasn't the only new addition to the store. On Dec. 4, 1919, the paper reported that the store was "adding new things all the time." This time, a Remington booking, type-writing and adding machine was installed, which "does away with the old style of bookkeeping almost entirely." It was the only one of its kind in town at the time, the article says.

Other changes were made in late December of that year, as well as in January 1920. The Nichols' office was moved



The Nichols building is still standing after a hundred years. Photo taken in 2012.

Photo courtesy of NLJ file photo

upstairs, and the exterior of the building was treated to a new coat of paint. Additionally, the Jan. 29, 1920 paper announced that a coat of cinders was installed in front of the supply company and along the city hall road in order to improve the road bed and appearance to Main Street.

"When worked down this should give a more satisfactory looking street than we have had for the last few months. Suppose every business house was to try and improve the street in front of its place of business. It would result in a Main Street that would reflect the spirit of willingness to build up the town," the article says.

Nichols, a man of vast enterprise already, dipped his hands in yet another pool of water when his family bought the Newcastle Building Co. According to a news report from Feb. 5, 1920, the Newcastle Building Co. was incorporated, and the company built many houses and businesses east of town on several acres of land purchased by Nichols. Cash said this land was sectioned into lots by the building company.

Additionally, around 1920, the Land Office was moved from Sundance to the upstairs of the Nichols building, according to Cash.

April of 1920 was a busy month for the store employees. According to the April 22, 1920, paper, in that month alone, the company had already unloaded 31 cars of supplies. They were also pouring the foundation for the new warehouse around the same time.

"The foundation for the new A.M. Nichols warehouse near the Burlington tracks has been completed. The building, which is to be 40 x 100, will be rushed to complete," the article says.

In the "Sometime Ago" section of the May 31, 1945, paper, it was reported that in 1920, the supply company purchased a new \$5,000 hearse for the mortuary department.

According to the Jan. 20, 1921, paper, Dr. Eva Willey Jaus opened chiropractic practice in the Nichols building. Cash said Jaus' husband ran a "5 and 10 cent" variety store in town.

The article also noted that the lodge hall was redecorated and varnished by Ora Stich. However, a few months later, the Oct. 6, 1921, paper announced that the Masons Rent Hall was purchasing new furniture and equipment because the old equipment was destroyed in a fire.

An article from the May 25, 1922, issue announced that the

Nichols company, in "keeping with the times," installed a new visible measuring gasoline tank.

"It helps the look on Main Street and will be a great convenience to the people who like to see what they are buying," the article says.

The supply company made yet another purchase. The July 20, 1922, paper reported that it bought the Hutcheson Lumber yard and was busy moving the lumber and building material to its own yard.

Unfortunately, the lumber yard caught fire, according to the Sept. 21, 1922, newspaper, when a hay loft caught a flame. However, other than the hay, there was minimal damage.

The series of misfortunes didn't stop there. On Dec. 6, 1923, it was reported that rumors flew when the A.M. Nichols Supply Co. locked up on Monday for invoice and reducing stock.

"Upon the departure of Mr. A.M. Nichols, senior member of the concern, for California several weeks ago, it was known that a change in organization had taken place, which led to the rumor that the stock had been taken over by Omaha parties. This is not true," the article says.

The company was diverse and had a variety of supplies

and stock, experiencing growth and profit, but due to deflation and restricted trade caused by war efforts, A.M. Nichols (who retired) was handing the business off to his son Lloyd, who was closing out "a large number of lines." He had already sent some lumber and farm implements back. However, Cash said that A.M. Nichols did file bankruptcy sometime in 1924.

According to the Feb. 28, 1924, issue of the paper, Pete Lissolo bought the meat market, which had been operated by Dwight Nichols at the time. Lissolo was also operating the Newcastle Mercantile Co., and although he still owned it, he had to find someone to take charge because he would be busy with affairs at the meat market. He was "one of those old-timers who still has faith in Newcastle."

However, it didn't last long because on May 8, 1924, the paper announced that Lissolo closed the meat market in the Nichols building and was to take care of the meat market in the Mercantile.

As we come to a close in the history of the A.M. Nichols Supply Co., Cash will finish out the series in the next couple of weeks by discussing the bakery and bar that occupied this building.

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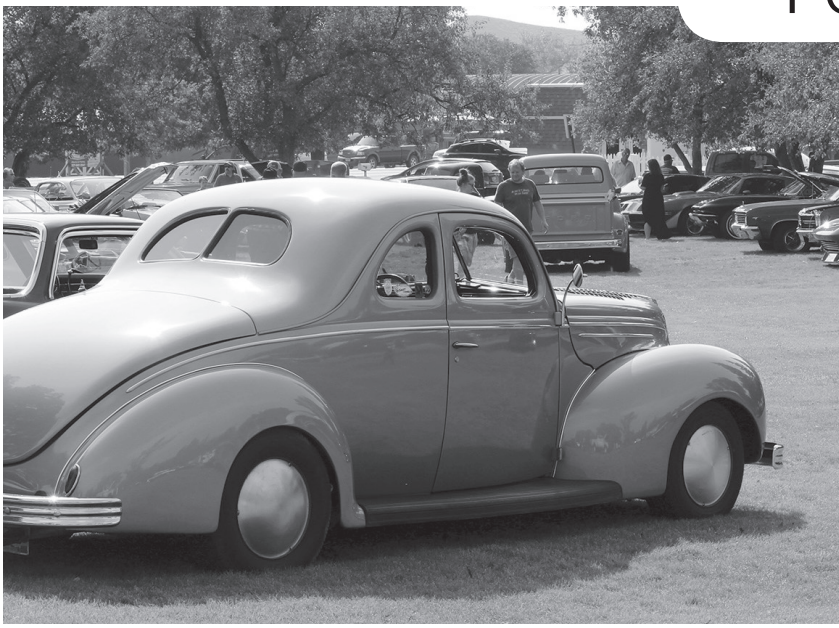
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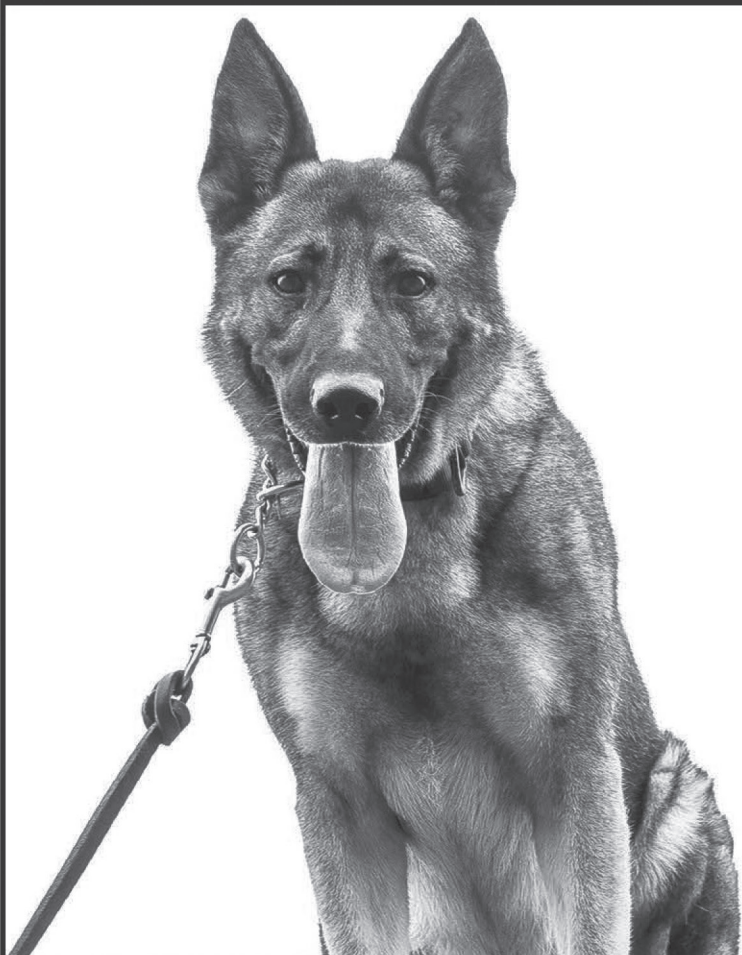
Food, fun & cool cars



Dow Park was the location for the Fall Festival and the Shine & Show car show Saturday, where crowds lingered among the many vendors and classic cars that turned out for the events. Several businesses, many that had come from other cities in Wyoming, were packing a lot less back with them than they packed in. Overall the response from the vendors was positive, they did great sales, they want to come again next year, and had similar praise for the event. Many also expressed relief that the COVID-19 issues did not impede the day's pleasant doings. Tasha Townsend, who organizes the Fall Festival, now in her seventh year, said that 41 vendors came out to make the day a great success. She was very happy with the participation and the number of people who came out for the day to enjoy the weather, Newcastle, and each other. In addition, 165 entries of automotive marvels crowded the park for the Shine and Show. According to Dick Rich, organizer of the Shine and Show, there were entries from many states. One came from as far away as Albuquerque, N.M. A last-minute favorite was a \$500,000 Lamborghini from Black Hawk, S.D.



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Motorcycle vs. antelope ends in fatality

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

A South Dakota woman died following an accident east of Newcastle on Sunday after the motorcycle she was a passenger on collided with an antelope.

According to Sgt. Jeremy Beck with the Wyoming Highway Patrol, Susan K. Hanson, 64, of South Dakota was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by Randy Hanson, 57, also of Sturgis on Sunday, Sept. 20 when the trike hit an antelope that had passed in front of the bike. Both Susan and Randy were thrown from the motorcycle.

Following the accident that occurred at mile marker 256 on Highway 16 at approximately 2:17 p.m., both Susan and Randy were transported to Weston County Health Services in Newcastle by ground ambulance.

According to Beck, Susan, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, later passed away from injuries sustained during the accident. Randy was treated for unspecified injuries at the Newcastle hospital facility.

Resolution

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the resolution was reached on the agenda.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt recalled the commissioners' discussion about three separate actions, the first of which they approved at the Sept. 1 meeting when they removed the chairman's signature from the public health orders. The second of those was the resolution drafted by Hunt, and the third would be a requested variance through both Mike Jording, the county's health officer, and the state health officer.

When directed to draft a variance for the commissioners to review at their first October meeting, County Attorney Alex Berger questioned whether the county wanted a "wholesale" variance for the entire county or a more specific variance.

Ertman quickly expressed concern about dictating what the local school districts or private businesses do on their own property.

"I don't feel like we should be blanketing them. What the variance is asking for is the citizens of Weston County, the individual businesses, to do what they want to do, including the school districts," Ertman said, noting that she is not sure that would be the default, though, if the commissioners were not specific enough.

"I think that happens by default. The way I perceive what a variance would look like is, we would ask the state or local health officer to approve relief from all state requirements and restrictions. If the school wanted to impose their own, that is their affair. Same for a restaurant," Hunt said.

Ertman argued that the commissioners must make their intentions clear in the variance because the moment they removed the chairman's signature from the health orders, members of the community perceived that the commissioners said "to the wind" with all of the restrictions and that residents could now do as

they pleased despite the public health orders in place by the state.

"We didn't, we approved to rescind our signatures," Ertman said, adding that the signature meant that the commissioners had affirmed the public health orders and were stating that they had read them.

She noted that the commissioners must make their intentions clear to the public and that the community needs to understand that the commissioners are asking for the variance and that the state could deny the request.

"We are not necessarily opening up a free-for-all," Chairman Ed Wagoner said.

The resolution states that, following the Goshen County Commission's adoption of a resolution addressing the health orders that were first implemented on March 13, the Weston County commissioners thought it would be appropriate to follow suit and express their disapproval of the continued health orders.

Within the resolution, the commission states that no metric for the ending of the constitutional infringements being articulated by the state, and the "flatten the curve" narrative is more than irrelevant at this point.

"This order was temporally related to a national campaign to promote similar orders emanating from a variety of jurisdictions. Billed as '15 days to slow the spread', citizens were told their sacrifice was small and limited in scope as their liberties would be restored in little over two weeks' time. Yet, some 186 days later the state and regional health care capacity that serves Weston County and Wyoming has never been approached and still, constitutional liberties remain impaired," the resolution says.

It also states that Weston County residents have continued to follow the orders despite the widespread issues sparked by the health orders.

"Citizens of Weston County have patiently and obediently abided by the orders imposed by state officials, the Board has considered the county-level impacts of state, national and global policies regarding the virus and notes the policies themselves have caused widespread social ills and collateral damage, including negative impacts to the economy, increased unemployment, consumption of family savings, business closures, poverty, domestic abuse, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse and importantly, a loss of credibility of State and local public health officials which should be jealously guarded against the event of a genuine need to invoke their powers," the resolution continues.

Therefore, the resolution states, the board is making it known that they have the intent to "refrain from any county-level virus-related mandate concerning individual health care decisions, including but not limited to mandatory mask requirements, mandatory contact tracing, mandatory social distancing or mandatory vaccine administration."

The commissioners go on to state in the signed resolution that they would encourage the public to make appropriate virus-related health care decisions for themselves and their families pursuant to the Wyoming Constitution. They also stated the desire for the state to make available as much information, in as much detail as possible, to the citizens of the state and county regarding the circumstances of each and every virus case recorded to the county as well as their desire for the state to articulate specific standards and metrics by which citizens can expect an end to the constitutional restrictions.

The full resolution passed by the Weston County Commissioners is available on the county website, at westongov.com/county-commissioners.

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School

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contact with a person who had tested positive. Another announcement from the school district on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 22, stated that an unidentified staff member at Newcastle Elementary School was now quarantined after receiving a positive test result. Superintendent Brad LaCroix said that at this time, no other students or staff are being quarantined as a result of close contact with those who tested positive from the school.

Two weeks ago, Bartlett announced that eight students out of the total 173 enrolled in the school would be quarantined for two weeks following potential exposure to a student at the school who tested positive. On Sept. 16, the principal reported that the students all appeared to be ready to return to school by the end of that week, after receiving the all clear from public health officials.

The following day, LaCroix informed the *News Letter Journal* that health officials issued an employee at the middle school quarantine orders.

"This staff member is showing no signs or symptoms of illness but has been ordered by the Wyoming Department of Health to quarantine for the next several days," a press release from Weston County School District No. 1 dated Sept. 17 said.

Upon notification of the required quarantine, the faculty member left the school and a substitute teacher took the teacher's place, the release stated. It noted that the classroom was cleaned and disinfected before class resumed.

"Until more is known, it is

Free lunch

Beginning Sept. 14, all students enrolled in Weston County School District No. 1 will receive free breakfast and lunch through the remainder of the calendar year, according to information provided by the district. The opportunity for school districts across the country to provide meals at no charge was announced on Aug. 31 when the U.S. Department of Agriculture extended the opportunity for nutrition services to extend free meals to all students.

"This unprecedented move will help ensure – no matter what the situation is on-the-ground – children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic," a release dated Sept. 8 from the USDA Office of Communications states. "The USDA has been and continues to be committed to using the congressionally appropriated funding that has been made available."

not necessary for us to implement any further measures beyond those we are already taking in our buildings by practicing social distancing and using our masks when that isn't possible. We ask students and staff members to continue with these practices, and if we receive additional information from health officials in the next couple of days that require us to take other steps, we will update people on the situation," LaCroix said in the release.

LaCroix noted that the staff member's quarantine was in no way related to the student who tested positive, a situation that was announced on Sept. 8. LaCroix said that classes and activities at the school would continue as scheduled.

As the school moves past the first quarantines in the school district, Bartlett said it is necessary to remember the importance of the guidelines in place. He also reminded people that the rules and regulations are put in place by public health and not the schools.

"Just a reminder that the

school district does not test, quarantine, isolate, or clear anyone as it relates to COVID (or any other illness)," Bartlett said in the email. "Medical professionals make decisions that they think are best for the individuals involved and our community as a whole based on the latest scientific information they have available, and we all should do our best to follow the guidance they give."

Bartlett reminded email recipients that anyone in the community could be the next positive COVID-19 test or the next person quarantined.

"I can't stress enough that we're all in this together. Keep in mind that anyone could be the next to go through this experience and face the challenges that come with it," Bartlett said.

As students, staff and community members return to their daily activities after being cleared by public health, Bartlett said in the email, it is important to welcome them with open arms and understand that they are fully cleared to return to normal activities.

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NHS/NMS Cross Country @ Sundance
NHS Swimming @ Sheridan
UHS Football @ Sundance
UHS Volleyball @ Hulett

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SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE:

NMS/NHS Cross Country

9/25	VJ	Sundance	A	TBA
10/01	VJ	Wheatland	A	TBA

NHS Football

9/25	V	Tongue River Eagles	A	6PM
9/28	JV	Glenrock Herders	H	4PM
10/02	V	Glenrock Herders	A	6PM

NHS Girls Swimming

9/25		Sheridan AC		4PM
9/26		Worland AC		10AM
9/29		Newcastle HS		4PM

NHS Volleyball

9/25	V9	Torrington Trailblazers	A	2PM
9/26	V9	Wheatland Bulldogs		HNOON

NMS Football

9/24		Custer Wildcats	A	4:30PM
9/29		Twin Spruce Junior High	H	4PM

NMS Volleyball

10/1		Twin Spruce Junior High	A	4PM
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NMS Cross Country

9/25		Sundance MS XC Invite	A	TBA
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UPTON:

Upton High School Football

10/2	V	Tongue River	Sundance	6PM
10/9	V	Burns	Burns	6PM

Upton High School Volleyball

10/1	JV	Hulett	Hulett	5:30PM
10/2	JV-V	Arvada-Clearmont	Upton	1PM

Upton Middle School Football

9/25	V	Torrington	Torrington	7PM
9/28	JV	Moorcroft	Sundance	5PM

Upton Middle School Volleyball

9/26		Gillette Bash	Gillette	TBA
9/29		Wright	Upton	6PM



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Kale Corley muscled his way through the Big Horn defense in the Dogies' loss to the Big Horn Rams last Friday. He ended the night with 35 yards in eight carries.

Making strides in right direction

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

After struggling with their offensive game the last couple of weeks, the Dogies were able to put together some drives against the Bighorn Rams last Friday that resulted in putting some points on the board at Schoonmaker Field.

Unfortunately, a few bad snaps and some momentary lapses by the Dogies allowed

the Rams to take advantage of some unexpected opportunities which they were able to use in conjunction with some big plays of their own to finish the night with the 35-12 win.

"It was still not the overall result that the Dogies were looking for, but it was still a little bit better," head coach Matt Conzelman began. "I was surprised at our snapping because we haven't had any issues with that for two weeks,

but Friday it did kind of jump up and bite us in the first half."

The team enjoyed the sophomore-to-sophomore connection of Quint Perino and Hogan Tystad in the fourth quarter as Perino took to the air and found Tystad in the end zone for the team's two touchdowns.

"It's great to have a couple of guys we can throw out there at QB. Tate [Engle] and Quint both bring some pretty

good things to the table," Conzelman nodded. "Quint and Hogan have a pretty good chemistry in the JV games, and we got to see that on the field on Friday night."

The Dogies were looking sharp as the Rams kicked off to them to start the contest. The squad picked up a few first downs and were driving down the field, however couldn't keep it clean enough to punch it in the endzone.

"We still need to work on finishing when we have the ball," Conzelman declared. "We were doing good and then committed a couple of mistakes that just snagged up the drive, and then it's game over."

The Rams finished quarter one with a 7-0 lead, and went into the half up 21-0 over the Dogies. One of Big Horn's

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Calling it quits?

I really don't want to say this out loud and possibly throw it out to the universe, however, I'm going to take the risk and announce that we've almost made it to the halfway



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

point of the fall sports seasons.

When things started out, I wasn't sure we'd go past the first couple

of weeks, but despite a hiccup early with a couple of cancellations in football and volleyball, the Dogies and the rest of the 2A/3A conference teams have

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Lady Dogies host back-to-back meets

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

It's about the halfway point of the season for the Lady Dogie swimmers, and last weekend they got to host their first meet of the year as they welcomed Douglas, Buffalo, and Cheyenne South for back-to-back triple dual meets.

On Friday, it was Cheyenne South

and Douglas that were on hand to compete.

Hannah Gross made her debut in the 200 Free the first time this season on Friday. This race is top on the senior's list as a potential State event, and it's one that is shaping up to be hotly contested in the 3A class.

Gross and head coach Doug Scribner have been working toward her first

attempt to try to come off the blocks with a great preliminary time, racing the 500 Free twice in order to strategically train for the 200.

Their work paid off as she not only won the race and qualified in 4A time, but she finished just three seconds off her State time from last year.

"She went out in a 2:01 which is her fastest season start. She wanted to go

out a little faster, but mentally she was ready," Scribner began. "I also think that puts her as the fastest in 3A if not 4A right now."

Gross also added the 100 Breaststroke to her State slate as she qualified for that event finishing in just under 1:22. Scribner admitted that this stroke is not

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Runners a little sluggish in Wright

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

For the second week in a row, the Dogies showed up and showed out as they finished in second through ninth place at Wright on Saturday and, in doing so, ran away with the team title. However, head coach Kathy Beehler admitted she was a little disappointed in how her runners performed on the day given they seemed to take a step backward by adding time to their previous weeks' contests.

"They just seemed a little tight and complacent," she frowned. "We were flat and just didn't run up to our potential."

The course was laid out as a race around the town of Wright, and as such didn't give Beehler the ability to watch her runners much throughout the contest. She saw them start the first 300 meters of the race at the high school track, she then cut through town to catch them at the one mile mark, and finally got to watch them come down the bike path back to the track to finish the race.

"I just didn't get to see them run very much, so it's hard for me to decide why we didn't run well," Beehler admitted. "I just know that when I did see them we looked labored and flat and I don't know why."

Environmental factors may have come into play as on Saturday, Mother Nature threw some challenges at the runners in Campbell County. The air was pretty heavy with smoke from the Oregon/California fires that are currently raging, and the 80-degree temperature didn't help matters either, considering how much cooler it's been in the last couple of weeks.

Only a couple of runners saw an improvement from their times in Buffalo a couple of weeks ago, and given that there remains only a couple of regular season meets before conference, Beehler is concerned about where her team is at this point.

Carson Bock was the first Dogie across the finish line for the second week in a row. He finished second with a time of 18:35.93, and Bridger Alishouse was hot on his heels in third place.

NHS Cross Country	
Newcastle @ Wright Invite 9/19/20	14. Zander White 23:15.37
Men's Results	17. Nathan Strickland 24:17.04
Team Results:	20. Gunner Ramsey 25:22.80
1. Newcastle 10	23. Travis Scribner 26:57.40
2. Wright 45	
Individual Varsity:	Women's Results
1. Carson Bock 18:35.93	1. Hulet 16
3. Bridger Alishouse 18:53.61	2. Moorcroft 34
4. Avery Chick 19:11.25	3. Newcastle 43
5. Tristan Troftgruben 19:29.06	4. Wright 45
6. Teegan Hatheway 20:15.56	Individual Varsity:
7. Mathew Drake 20:18.29	10. Tara Carter 28:20
8. Zach Purviance 20:42.32	11. Alaina Laurence 28:49
9. Max Makousky 20:47.05	13. Janaya Ralls 30:01
12. Conrad Prell 21:48.91	15. Lara Lopez 30:31

Avery Chick was fourth, Tristan Troftgruben fifth, Teegan Hatheway came in sixth, Mathew Drake was seventh and Zach Purviance rounded out the top seven in eighth place.

After Purviance, it was Max Makousky (9th), Conrad Prell (12th), Zander White (14th), Nathan Strickland (17th), Gunner Ramsey (20th) and Travis Scribner (23rd).

"As a team, we didn't have our best race, and though we finished as a pack, we didn't run that way like we did last week in Wheatland," Beehler explained. "The kid from Sundance who won the race was also a minute slower from last week, so I'm not sure what happened. I just know we need to do better because we are going to meet some tough competition in the next couple of weeks."

Freshman Tara Carter was the first finisher across the line for the Lady Dogies, and this was the first time she had competed since the first weekend out. She finished 10th with Alaina Laurence right behind in 11th place. Janaya Ralls was 13th while Lara Lopez rounded things out for the squad in 15th place.

"The girls also seemed to struggle to loosen up and push," Beehler nodded. "As a whole, we need to pick up our effort this week."

The team will head to Sundance to race on Friday and Beehler is looking forward to seeing where her squad falls out, especially against Tongue River whose top three runners are right there with Newcastle's top three.

Senior night



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Gunner Ramsey shares a moment with his parents Dawn and Matt as the senior cross country runners were honored at last Friday's home football game.

Karpe

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been competing steadily. Not only are the sports seasons progressing pretty smoothly, but school is also operating pretty much as usual, and for this teacher/sports writer, this is a pleasant and welcome surprise.

While I am still holding my breath a little bit, and am a little anxious that everything will come crashing down, having gotten into the ring and seeing that we are doing pretty well navigating the 'Rona, gives me hope that we can continue to do so.

And to be honest, I'm looking at South Dakota and Nebraska and wondering if Wyoming will be next to call it quits on COVID-19.

Our closest neighbor decided to be done with the virus early this summer as South Dakota opened its doors to tourism, the number one economic boon of the state. The Black Hills were, and still are, bustling with travelers from across the country who heeded the call that the state was open for business. They jumped on the chance to escape their own states whose doors were still closed and headed for the Hills to vacation and enjoy some much needed social interaction.

Sturgis held its annual motorcycle rally despite a great deal of derision and criticism from around the country, and South Dakota's governor, Kristi Noem, has become a popular, household name from coast to coast because she made the decision to take the risk.

Schools started this fall, along with sports, and most did so with no restrictions.

South Dakota hasn't apologized and they haven't backed down.

Apparently, Nebraska has followed suit and has also determined to be done with the coronavirus as it was just announced that the University of Nebraska will be back in Big 10 action in October, while elementary and secondary schools are proceeding with business as usual.

Wyoming has been cautious (which I support) and as a result has suffered very low numbers of COVID cases. Being a state with big numbers when it comes to square mileage and low numbers when it comes to population, we are able to naturally social distance without too much inconvenience. It's also no big deal to mask up when social distancing isn't possible.

Because we haven't been hit hard, and because we have taken precautions, I have to admit that I may be ready to be done with the 'Rona too. Not in the respect that we should all throw caution to the wind and run about spewing bodily fluids all willy nilly, but in the respect that we can offer our kids the security of knowing that school and sports will continue unless a catastrophe were to befall us.

I'm hoping this is coming down the pike and I'm interpreting the recent revelation that wrestling and basketball have the green light to go as the winter season approaches as a very encouraging sign.

I really think I'm ready to call it quits on COVID, and I'm pretty sure I'm not alone. Oh, I will continue to have my mask handy and wear it when in close contact with others, but I'm also ready to be able to be confident that next week's games are going to happen and that school doors will remain open for our students.

Netters end week 1-1 in conference

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies turned up the heat last Thursday in Hot Springs County as they blazed into Thermopolis determined to walk away with a W in their opening 3A Northeast Quadrant matchup against the Lady Bobcats.

Their determination paid dividends as Newcastle picked up the first win of the conference season in four sets - 25-20, 21-25, 25-13, and 25-22.

"It was so fun and we needed it to get over the hump," head coach Keeley Anderson smiled. "We talked about what motivates them and one of the things they said is that because of the past few seasons, people think we're an easy win and underestimate this team this year based on previous years. We wanted to start things off in conference being the team that everyone knows is one to contend with, and I thought they did an awesome job of doing that."

The first set was all Newcastle as they cruised to a five-point win over the Lady Bobcats. Thermopolis rallied to take the second set, but that was the only win they would have on the night.

In the third set, the Lady Dogies dominated their opponent from behind the service line and from strategically targeting Thermopolis players who were struggling.

"We've really been talking about seeing when we have that kind of opportunity and taking advantage of it," Anderson nodded. "Volleyball is such a mental game and one of momentum, so when you can push your advantage when they are struggling, that's what you want to do."

Anderson also switched up her setters a little this week having Honesty Olson setting up middle hitter Jaylen Ostenson more, while Hunter McFarland takes her turn setting up middle hitter Tiernan Stanton more often.

"Looking at the stats, Jay

and Tiernan are neck and neck with their hitting and do a great job of putting the ball on the floor," Anderson stressed. "We decided we need to make sure they are getting touches because they are proving they deserve them."

Ostenson was the top player all around for the Lady Dogies on Thursday. The sophomore served the ball 25 times, had only two errors and racked up three aces. She also put down seven kills at the net and had two solo stuff blocks, one block assist and dug the ball up 14 times.

Though Stanton doesn't get an opportunity to serve during the contest, she was also a force throwing down nine kills and putting up a wall at the net with four solo stuff blocks. The six-foot sophomore proved she isn't just a front row player by also digging up the ball 12 times.

"It was a great game and a nice start to our quadrant season," Anderson smiled. "The girls were so excited to get the win and to do it the way they did was really fun to see."

With a day off to rest between matches, Newcastle welcomed the Buffalo Lady Bison to the Dogie Dome on Saturday for their second quadrant matchup of the week. It was two very evenly matched teams who took the court in what turned out to be a hard-fought, barn-burner of a contest.

The Lady Dogies came out strong in the first two sets, firing on all cylinders, and taking the Lady Bison a bit by surprise. Newcastle was comfortably in the lead in each until they reached 20 points, at which time they let Buffalo back in, however they were able to hang on to take a 2-0 lead in the match with 25-22 wins in both sets.

"Buffalo has always been, and still is, a big rival for our girls," Anderson smiled. "So it was really fun to see them take it to them in those first two sets."

In the third set, things seemed to break down a little on the home team's side of the net. Miscommunication and

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle @ Thermopolis 9/17/20:
25-20, 21-25, 25-13, 25-22
Jaylen Ostenson: 23-25 serves, 3 aces, 7 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 1 block assist, 1 set assist, 14 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 9 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 12 digs
Caitlyn Pehringer: 7 kills, 1 stuff block, 1 block assist, 1 set assist, 8 digs
Claire Beastron: 1-2 serves, 3 kills, 2 set assists, 1 dig
Honesty Olson: 11-11 serves, 1 ace, 7 set assists, 4 digs
Hunter McFarland: 7-10 serves, 1 ace, 5 kills, 16 set assists, 19 digs
Shawnee Miles: 11-12 serves, 2 aces, 5 kills, 3 set assists, 5 digs
Alaina Steveson: 15-16 serves, 6 digs
Shelby Tidman: 5-6 serves, 1 set assist, 3 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 11-12 serves, 1 ace, 6 digs

Newcastle v. Buffalo 9/19/20: 25-22, 22-25, 26-28, 9-15
Jaylen Ostenson: 15-17 serves, 2 aces, 12 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 3 block assists, 7 set assists, 13 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 14 kills, 5 stuff blocks, 1 block assist, 1 set assist, 2 digs
Caitlyn Pehringer: 2 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 1 block assist, 1 set assist, 2 digs
Claire Beastron: 1-2 serves, 2 kills, 1 stuff block, 3 block assist, 2 set assists, 3 digs
Honesty Olson: 6-6 serves, 1 kill, 7 set assists, 3 digs
Hunter McFarland: 20-21 serves, 5 kills, 18 set assists, 17 digs
Shawnee Miles: 8-10 serves, 1 ace, 7 kills, 2 set assists, 7 digs
Alaina Steveson: 9-12 serves, 1 ace, 2 set assists, 6 digs
Shelby Tidman: 18-18 serves, 1 ace, 7 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 10-11 serves, 1 ace, 1 set assist, 6 digs



Photos courtesy of Peg Miles

Jaylen Ostenson (#4) put up a wall against the Lady Bison middle hitter last Saturday, ending the day with three solo stuff blocks and 3 block assists. Here Claire Beastron (#9) got in on the action to shut down the middle of the net. Below, the Lady Dogies celebrate one of Ostenson's blocks during Saturday's hard-fought loss against the Buffalo Lady Bison. Pictured left to right: Tiernan Stanton (16), Caitlyn Pehringer (15), Shawnee Miles (8), Jaylen Ostenson, and LaKacee Lipp.

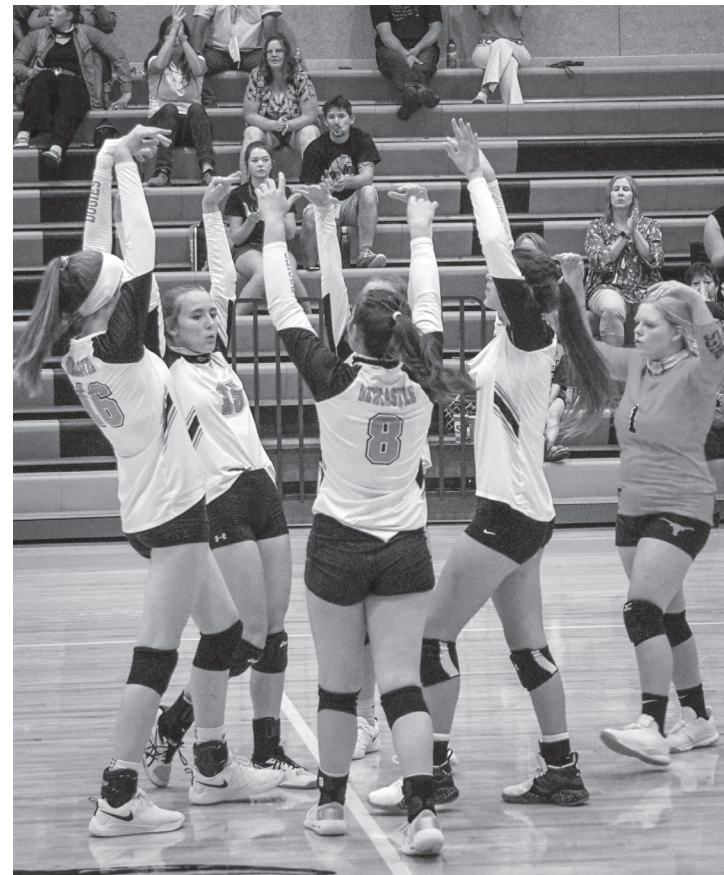
I thought they did a really good job of hanging in."

The fifth and deciding set only goes to 15 so stakes are high from the beginning. The Lady Dogies struggled early with a lack of communication and unforced errors and Buffalo used that to jump out to a dominating 7-1 lead.

"They were halfway there, and we were struggling to get started," Anderson frowned. "I called a timeout at 5-9 and told the girls that they had to push now, because while they were only six points away from winning, we were only four points away from catching them. The realization that we were closer to catching them than they were to winning seemed to buoy their spirits."

Unfortunately, the Lady Dogies weren't able to close the gap and dropped the set and match with a 9-15 loss.

Newcastle ended the weekend 1-1 in Northeast Quadrant play, which makes them tied with Buffalo for second place in the standings.



This week the squad will take on Southeast Quadrant teams when they travel to Torrington for a matchup with the Lady

Blazers on Friday and then host the Wheatland Lady Bulldogs on Saturday beginning with the C Team contest at noon.

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TDs resulted from a bad snap on a Dogie punt which they fell on in the endzone for six points.

The half-time break gave Conzelman a chance to talk things over with his boys, and they came out in the second half playing a little cleaner than the first.

The Rams got one in during the third quarter to go up 28-0 as the fourth got underway, however, it was then that Dogies got into an offensive rhythm which resulted in a 13 yard touchdown pass from Perino to Tystad to put the first six points on the board for

the team since their opening contest in Hot Springs.

Emily Beastron took the field for her second attempt of the year at the PAT, but some missed blocks contributed to her having her kick blocked by Big Horn.

Another TD by the Rams in the fourth put them up 35-6, but the Dogies had one more answer for them on another 17-yard toss from Perino to Tystad. Unfortunately, the two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful to end the contest 12-35 in the Ram's favor.

Given the final score, the game breakdown revealed

some surprising statistics. The Dogies ran 65 plays on the night to the Ram's 45, and Newcastle ended up with 235 total yards, while Big Horn just edged them out with 242.

"Other than the mistakes, everything was pretty equal," Conzelman pointed out. "There is definitely stuff we can build on going forward."

Holden McConkey and Kale Corley did some nice work running the ball on the night. McConkey ended the game with 20 carries picking up 55 yards while Corley rushed eight times and netted 35 yards of his own.

"Offensively, I thought we looked a lot better this week, and defensively we also played pretty well given the circumstances," Conzelman determined. "It was nice for the guys to be able to finish some drives and get some points on the board moving forward."

This week the Dogies head to Tongue River, which Conzelman thinks will be a pretty good matchup for his team. The last time the two squads met was in 2013, after which the Eagles dropped down to 1A for a time. The Dogies came out with the 56-15 victory in that contest.

NHS Football

Newcastle v. Big Horn 9/18/20: 12-35
42 yards rushing, 98 yards passing
Individual Stats:
Aidan Chick: 1 reception for 5 yards, 6 tackles
Holden McConkey: 20 carries for 55 yards, 1 reception for -1 yards, 1 kick return for 35 yards, 3 tackles
Kale Corley: 8 carries for 35 yards, 1 reception for -2 yards, 1 sack, 9 tackles
Tristan Wornkey: 2 carries for -2 yards, 2 kick returns for 26 yards, 3 tackles
Chauncey Jenerou: 1 carry for -9 yards, 1 tackle
Quint Perino: 2 TD passes, 9 carries for -8 yards, 6-11 pass completions for 82 yards, 2 tackles

Tate Engle: 7 carries for -29 yards, 1-8 pass completion for 10 yards, 3 tackles
Hogan Tystad: 2 TDs, 4 receptions for 74 yards, 5 punt returns for 167 yards, 7 tackles
Christian Santos: 1 reception for 23 yards, 5 tackles
Emily Beastron: 0-1 PAT, 3 kickoffs for 73 yards
Skylar Jenkins: 1 fumble recovery, 1 sack, 1 tackle
Xavin Gallardo: 1 tackle
Braden Jenkins: 1 pass breakup
Josh Womack: 3 tackles
Jacob Prell: 1 tackle
Jackson Lamb: 5 tackles

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Upton hosts national enduro



The Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit held their 26th annual Inyan Kara Riders Enduro races in Upton on Sunday. More than 200 riders brought dirt bikes from all across the country, many of them going from track to track to participate in this fast, dusty, and noisy event. The event started at the parking lot of Upton High School. Bikes were checked out and maintained, ensuring the best possible run for each bike. Protective gear was carefully adorned. Good luck wishes, kisses, and handshakes were given as the motorcyclists prepared for long grueling runs in the hills and forests outside of Upton. Taking off in small groups every minute from the parking lot and heading east on U.S. Highway 16, the participants turned on Ponderosa Road, and kept going for several miles after it became Community Pasture Road. Back in the hills a camp was set up, complete with Weston County Search and Rescue, in case of emergencies, a fuel trailer full of cans of gas, a place for water or hydrating electrolyte drinks, and other necessities. It was a place to rest, if needed, but was also a staging area for the different races. The series had three main courses, each one split into age and experience categories. The courses were the C riders (60-mile course), B riders (75-mile course), and A riders (90-mile course). The tracks took them into the rough terrain up into the forests and rugged hills northeast of Upton. The winners of this event can be found at livelaps.com/clients/?6493.



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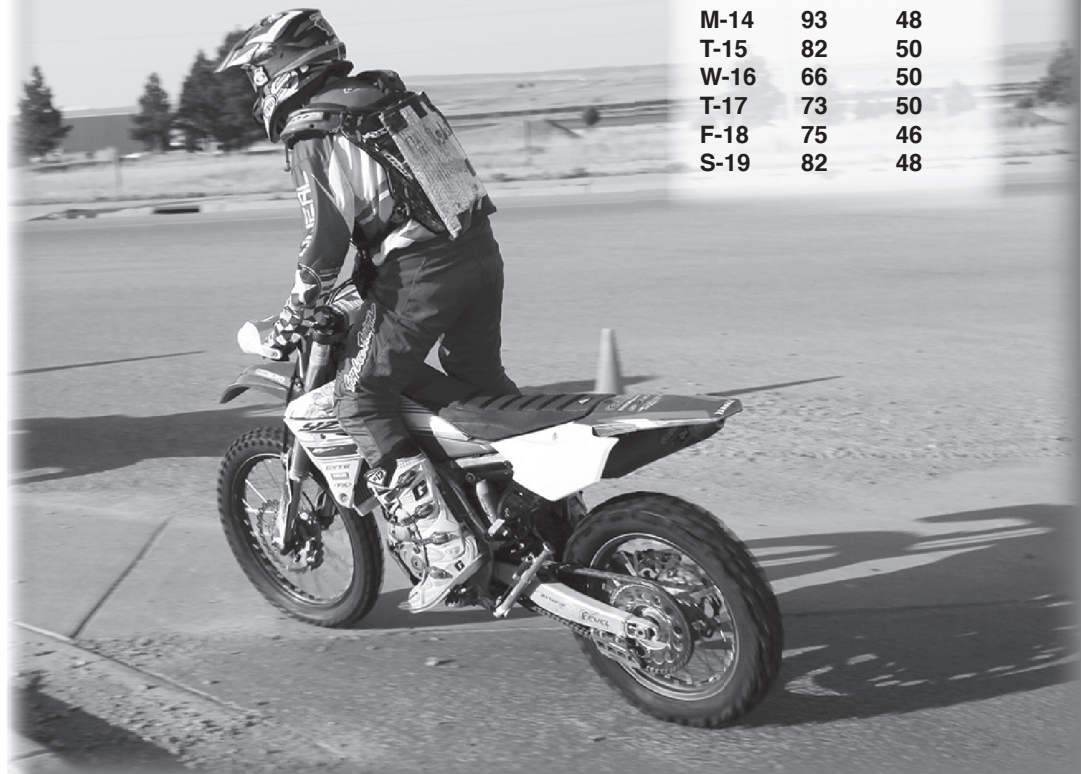
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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Council President Don Steveson called the regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were President Steveson; Council members Roger Hespe, Michael Alexander, Ann McColley, Pam Gualitieri and Tom Voss. Also present were Department Heads City Interim Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Roger Hespe moved, seconded Pam Gualitieri to approve the agenda for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 as amended, adding Chamber of Commerce to Citizen's Business--Verbal. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ann McColley moved, seconded Roger Hespe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday August 17, 2020 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Linda Hunt for her work on the Stampede Street historical interpretation.

Daren Downs for the purchase and cleanup of his building on Main Street.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: will be mailed to the following:

Kim Dean for her management of the News Letter Journal

Shirley Harder for the new retaining wall on her property

Jonathan Stoltzfus for the new business Howdy Bakery.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: None

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: Sandra Martin from the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Board addressed the Council. She stated the goal of the Chamber is to bring the community back together. She discussed events such as the annual Trunk or Treat, the lighted Christmas Parade and Santa's Workshop, and the Chamber Banquet. She also mentioned a fund raiser of selling bricks to have the sponsor's name engraved on them and then build a wall to display the bricks.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported on calls for service, noting 3419 year to date and 649 for the month of August. He also noted two new dispatchers have been hired and are at work.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James noted the audit is set for November and are working toward that. He also noted the Personnel Committee had chosen four candidates to interview for the Chief of Police position and will set the interview date as Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Council's direction. Each candidate will have 30 minutes for the interview time.

City Engineer Mike Moore discussed plans for the Well #5 interconnect to the City's system. Mr. Moore asked for a motion to approve the GIS software license renewal. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Tom Voss to approve the renewal.

MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Moore recommended Jonathan Jarboe receive a \$0.50 per hour raise for obtaining his CDL effective September 3, 2020. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Tom Voss to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Attorney Michael Stulken reported on a proposed ordinance to deal with retaining walls. More discussion needed. Mr. Stulken reported he had received a letter from Joyce Diits attorney that needed a response. Will be discussed during an executive session next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Streets Committee met over the School District's request for a bus turn-around at the end of Sheridan Street. Consensus for the immediate future was to gravel and maintain the area so buses could back up and turn around on Divide Ave. Future plans for a full turn-around will be developed. Ann McColley and Tom Voss brought up the excessive tree trimming by the contract crew in town working for Black Hills Energy and the alley situation behind Sage Street. Mr. Moore noted the difference between public use and City property, indicating it is an alley and not City property.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

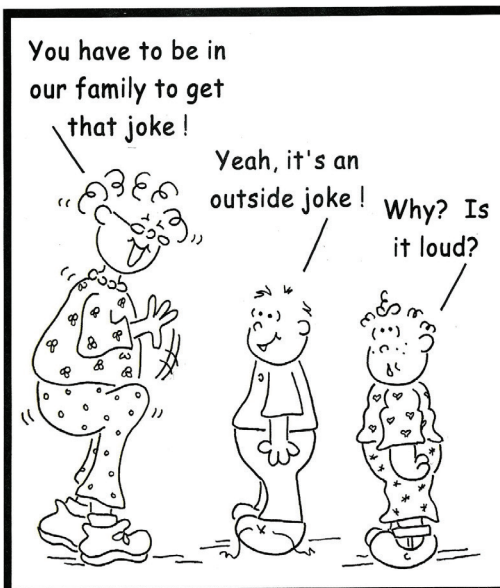
CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Tom Voss moved, seconded Ann McColley to pay the claims against the City date September 8, 2020. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:48 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Biolynceus, LLC, probiotic scrubber, \$6227.84; Black Hills Energy, natural gas service, \$223.95; Black Hills Plumbing & Supply, Freon removal, \$790.00; Bomgaars Supply, supplies/

materials, \$517.69; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$660.29; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$1537.22; Cap N Bottle, reimburse catering fee, \$20.00; Paula Carter, water deposit refund, \$35.60; Danette Cash, water deposit refund, \$64.99; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$1926.51; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, office and FD, \$1162.13; Communications Technologies, Inc., outfit PD vehicles, \$16,706.16; Contractor's Supply, Inc., grade rods, \$361.64; Joe Czarowski, water deposit refund, \$68.24; Day Timer, Day-Timer refill, \$53.27; Derek's Field Service, machinery repair, \$1828.50; Double D, motor oil, \$752.66; Douglas R. Dumbrill, Sept. 2020 Municipal judge, \$1076.30; Dunham Repair, LLC, parts, \$19.00; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co, Inc., parts, 96.78; Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, truck pump test & certification, \$17,521.11; Energy Laboratory, Inc., water sample testing, \$1670.00; Engineering Associates, engineering work Well #5, \$683.81; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$750.00; Ferguson Waterworks, meters & parts, \$108,855.68; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$675.74; Jenna Godard, water deposit refund, \$30.67; Heartland Kobota, LLC parts, \$172.82; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, housekeeping supplies, \$163.09; Hurricane Services, vac truck services, \$2810.00; Jackmaster Construction, alley paving, \$3100.00; Jonathan Jarboe, reimburse CDL, \$124.50; Karla Kaleva, water deposit refund, \$44.90; Mastercard, fuel/travel/training/supplies, \$2955.26; Minuteman Lube Center, new tire, \$214.65; Mountain View Plumbing & Heating, expansion tank, \$208.00; Newcastle Ambulance Service, Sept. 2020 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash, \$68.65; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse Fire Chief's Meeting, \$797.17; News Letter Journal, advertising/legals/minutes, \$1532.41; Northern Safety & Industrial, safety glasses, \$372.26; Northern Technologies, LLC, engineering services, \$1836.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., pipe parts/fittings, \$6630.65; Office Shop, Inc. office copy charge, \$45.56; Matthew Parson, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Ashley Poblieglo, water deposit refund, \$44.35; Russell Prince, water deposit refund, \$56.33; Ricks Electric, tank control repair, \$4163.55; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; RT Communications, Inc., phone service, \$789.79; Russell Industries, Inc., pump parts/sewer fittings, \$22,147.30; Salt Creek Water District, sewer service, \$555.00; Scott Peterson Motors, Inc., PD vehicle repair, \$508.70; Trish Scritchfield, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$5512.96; Stanton Smith, water deposit refund, \$100.00; State of Wyoming, deductible to WY A&I, \$1336.31; Bryand Streeter, Sept. 2020 airport wages, \$1333.33; Michael Stulken, Sept. 2020 attorney fee, \$2800.00; Lucky Teigeen-Grummons, FD cleaning, \$200.00; Trugreen-Chemilawn, FD fertilizer, \$119.00; Uber Geek Computer, printer & monitor, \$547.97; Verizon, cell phones, \$336.70; Becky Vodopich, City office cleaning, \$300.00; Wade Regan Trucking, haul asphalt, \$2145.00; WESCO Gas, propane, \$72.38; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchases, \$202.14; Weston County Treasurer, heat & lights/property taxes, \$2786.72; Weston County Humane Society, food fee, \$26.00; Weston County Solid Waste District, wood grinder lease, \$29,500.00; Jerry Whitney, water deposit refund, \$44.06; Wyoming Automotive Co., parts, \$523.47.

Don Steveson, President
 ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James
 (Publish September 24, 2020)

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ACROSS

1. Worry
6. Fleur-de-_____
9. One of Egyptian christians
13. Nary a soul
14. Dot-com address
15. Pretend, two words
16. Flogger's tool
17. Romanian money
18. Dostoyevsky's masterpiece, with The
19. *Royal Brewery in Munich, a.k.a. _____ M_nchen
21. *Original Oktoberfest location
23. Tree juice
24. Cathedral part
25. Lysergic acid derivative, acr.
28. Children's author Roald
30. Bivouac
35. Heroic poem
37. Taro or cocoyam, technically
39. Relish tastebuds' sensation
40. Russian governmental agency
41. Musketeers' weapons
43. Presidential "No!"
44. Make corrections
46. Kind of palm
47. A in B.A.
48. Indian Ocean's saltwater inlet
50. Carvey or Plato
52. "Sesame Street" watcher
53. One-horse carriage
55. Sunday newspaper inserts
57. *Kind of Oktoberfest band
60. *Salty snack
64. Melttable abode
65. Go wrong
67. Sore spot
68. African prairie
69. "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request
70. All-season ones, on a car
71. Affirmatives
72. Beaver's construction
73. Noise of contempt

DOWN

1. Egyptian hieroglyph for "life"
2. "You're not allowed!" to a baby
3. Mistake
4. Spurns
5. Between triad and pentad
6. Comic strip Moppet
7. Anger management issue
8. Economic crisis
9. Ghana monetary unit
10. Ear-related
11. Tubby little cubby
12. Ted Turner's TV acronym
15. Bedding and towels
20. Lickety-split
22. Wear and tear
24. "So soon?"
25. *____hosen
26. Sea foam
27. Like United States Capitol
29. *Flower used in beer-making
31. Spanish sparkling wine
32. Deflect
33. "'O'zapft is!" or "It's tapped!"
34. *Cheers!
36. Without, ‡ Paris
38. Start of something big?
42. Echo sounder
45. Joseph Stalin was one
49. "Eureka!"
51. Experts
54. In the lead
56. *Beer garden mug
57. Curved molding
58. Paella pot
59. '60s British teenagers

60. "Hunger Games" sister
61. Goose egg
62. Second to last word in a fairytale

63. Just in case
64. Woody creeper
66. Biochemistry acr.

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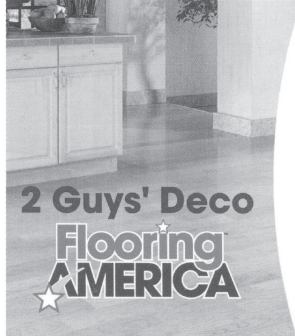
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Swimmers

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her strongest, but she is now qualified in everything.

Scribner acknowledged that he has been working his swimmers pretty hard over the last three weeks in practice, and though they are claiming that they are tired, they are still putting up some pretty good times when competing.

“They are getting out of the pool saying, ‘man I’m tired, I just couldn’t go any faster,’” Scribner chuckled. “Then I look and see that they dropped two seconds so I tell them you should be tired.”

Brooklyn Schmitz had her fastest time in the 50 free leg of the 200 IM finishing in 43 seconds, and then swam in the open 50 Free just a couple events later and went a 40. Dropping three seconds in such a short race, in such a short amount of time is nothing short of impressive.

“The girls are learning how hard they can push themselves,” Scribner nodded. “They are learning that even though it hurts they still have a little more in the tank and they can push themselves a little farther and faster.”

Lydia Anderson also competed well in the open 50 Free, finishing third in 28.59, which is just over the 3A qualifying time of 28 seconds.

Becca Henkle has had a good start to her senior season on the diving board, but her weekend was a little up and down. On Friday, she balked on one of her dives, resulting in scoring only a 126 at the end of the day. However, on Saturday, she was back on form, putting up her second best score of the year with a 152.90, nearly eight points over 3A qualification.

On Saturday, Douglas was back for a second day of competition but this time Buffalo joined in on the action.

Gross was once again on the blocks for the 200 Free, and she repeated with a first-place finish, however was just a little over a second slower than she had gone on Friday.

“Hannah was super tired on Saturday, and she was a little disappointed in her time,” Scribner admitted. “But then she did really well in the 100, so that made her happy.”

In the 100 Free, Gross picked up her second win of the day and shot into the wall in 55.79, just a second slower than her state finish last season.

NHS Girls Swimming

Newcastle @ Newcastle Triple Dual 9/18/20

Individual Results:
 200 Medley Relay: 2:46.25
 3. Autumn Mills, Raeleigh Shipp, Rebekah Olson, Brooklyn Schmitz
 200 Free:
 1. Hannah Gross 2:01.71 4AQ
 6. Rebekah Olson 2:58.82
 50 Freestyle:
 3. Lydia Anderson 28.59
 7. Becca Henkle 34.81
 8. Autumn Mills 35.82
 14. Brooklyn Schmitz 40.36
 1 Mtr. Diving
 4. Becca Henkle 126.90
 100 Butterfly:
 2. Rebekah Olson 1:33.67
 100 Free:
 8. Autumn Mills 1:25.43
 500 Free:
 4. Lydia Anderson 6:45.92
 5. Raeleigh Shipp 7:19.11
 200 Free Relay: 2:14.87
 3. Hannah Gross, Becca Henkle, Autumn Mills, Rebekah Olson
 100 Backstroke:
 2. Raeleigh Shipp 1:33.59
 100 Breaststroke:
 3. Hannah Gross 1:21.98 3AQ
 400 Free Relay: 5:08.74
 3. Hannah Gross, Lydia Anderson, Raeleigh Shipp, Brooklyn Schmitz

Newcastle @ Newcastle Triple Dual 9/19/20

Team Results:
 Loss v. Buffalo 38-105
Individual Results:
 200 Medley Relay: 2:47.81
 4. Autumn Mills, Becca Henkle, Rebekah Olson, Brooklyn Schmitz
 200 Free:
 1. Hannah Gross 2:02.93 4AQ
 50 Freestyle:
 2. Lydia Anderson 29.03
 6. Raeleigh Shipp 31.98
 12. Rebekah Olson 37.67
 13. Abbey Lacey 44.84
 1 Mtr. Diving
 4. Becca Henkle 152.90
 100 Free:
 1. Hannah Gross 55.79 4AQ
 9. Rebekah Olson 1:23.74
 10. Brooklyn Schmitz 1:42.79
 200 Free Relay: 2:16.09
 4. Brooklyn Schmitz, Rebekah Olson, Hannah Gross, Lydia Anderson
 100 Breaststroke:
 3. Raeleigh Shipp 1:31.31
 5. Lydia Anderson 1:39.71
 7. Brooklyn Schmitz 2:30.18
 400 Free Relay:
 DQ. Hannah Gross, Autumn Mills, Lydia Anderson, Raeleigh Shipp



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Becca Henkle put up her second best score of the weekend last Saturday in the Lady Dogies triple dual against Buffalo and Douglas at the Kozisek Aquatic Center. The senior has hit the qualifying mark three times this season, and took advantage of the opportunity to show off in front of her home crowd.

Raeleigh Shipp dropped more time in the 100 Breaststroke and is now at a 1:31, her fastest time yet.

“She slowed down on her last two strokes as if she was trying to figure out where the wall was, so she could have been even faster,” Scribner noted. “When she got out of the pool, she said she felt great, so

now we just need to get her first 50 a little bit faster.”

This Friday the Lady Dogies will head to Sheridan where they are expecting to see Buffalo, Natrona County and Sheridan. On Saturday, the squad will head to Worland for a meet there, though Scribner does not yet know who else will be on hand.

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